

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Taisuke HIROOKA et al.  Application No.: 10/559,704  Confirmation No.: 1845  Filed: December 7, 2005  Title: SUBSTRATE WITH INTERMEDIATE LAYER FOR THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SUBSTRATE WITH INTERMEDIATE LAYER (as amended)	Art Unit: 2627  Examiner: C. Garcia
--	---

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.

☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.